

**Workshop on the Proposed NPDES General Permit
For Coastal Marinas in the San Diego Region**

April 18, 2003 -- 10:00 A.M. to Noon

**Board Meeting Room, 9174 Sky Park Court,
Suite 100, San Diego, CA 92123, (858) 467-2952**

The San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board staff will hold a public workshop to receive information and comments on the proposed coastal marina permit. Marinas are located in these San Diego Region harbors: Dana Point Harbor in Orange County, and U.S. Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Oceanside Harbor, Mission Bay, and San Diego Bay in San Diego County. This permit would primarily address marinas serving recreational boats and smaller commercial vessels. Military facilities used for military purposes and civilian facilities serving commercial shipping would not be covered under the general permit. Boat yards have separate coverage under individual NPDES permits for industrial activities.

The Board proposes to issue a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) general permit under the federal Clean Water Act. When the general permit is later adopted, marina operators would apply for coverage by submitting a completed notice of intent, map of facilities, information about marina operations, and a filing fee. Holders of the general permit would submit a copy of a clean marina plan containing proposed marina best management practices (BMPs). The emphasis of the coastal marina permit would be on control of discharges of liquid wastes, solid wastes, topside and underwater boat cleaning activities, sewage, and petroleum.

The San Diego Regional Board proposes at this time that the coastal marina general permit would be a best management practices or "BMP" permit without effluent limits or water quality monitoring requirements. The goal of the permit would be to allow operators of marinas in the San Diego Region which have ten or more slips to document actions being taken to protect the quality of coastal waters.

The Board invites members of the public and representatives of the civilian and military marina industry, boating organizations, yacht clubs, commercial diving organizations, harbor authorities, conservation organizations, and government agencies to participate in the workshop which will include a presentation by Regional Board staff. Information and written comments from the public will be received. The draft permit is expected to be distributed to interested parties and posted on the Regional Board web site in late April.

A public hearing for consideration by the San Diego Regional Board is tentatively scheduled for June 11, 2003. The public may review and comment on the draft permit before the June Regional Board meeting.

Please contact Mr. Pete Michael at (858) 467-2990 for further information. Please continue to monitor this web site for updates: <http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/rwqcb9/>.

Directions to the San Diego Regional Board Office

The office is located near the Montgomery Field Airport off I-15 between the I-8 freeway in Mission Valley and the State 52 freeway from La Jolla. I-15 is about five minutes east of I-5.

From I-15 North

- Left (west) on Aero Drive.
- Right (north) on Ruffin Road at the third light. Go a half-mile to the next light.
- Left (west) on Sky Park Court at the light.
- Go to the end of Sky Park Court.
- Take an easy right into the parking lot. Go to the flagpole at 9174 Sky Park Court, Suite 100. The board meeting room is straight ahead on the ground floor.

From I-15 South

- Right (west) on Balboa Avenue. Go a short distance to the top of the hill.
- Left (south) on Ruffin Road at the light. Go a half-mile to the next light.
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